

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD JANUARY 28, 2010 AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 500 E. CHERRY STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

Vice Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 3:32 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

Elaine Bremner, Vice Chairperson
Janice Montgomery, Commission Member
Dave Puzas, Commission Member
Jake Gonzales, Commission Member
Max Brown, Commission Member
Paula Kelly, Commission Member
John O'Neill, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Council Members Present

Duane Kirby
Linda Norman

Paula Kelly, a new Commission member introduced herself to the Commissioners, and was welcomed to the Commission by Vice Chairperson Bremner.

John O'Neill, a new Commission member arrived at 3:45 PM and introduced himself to the Commissioners. Mr. O'Neill was also welcomed to the Commission.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Vice Chairperson Bremner stated it was time to elect a new Chairperson, and ask if there were any nominations for the position. Commissioner Gonzales moved that Vice Chairperson Bremner be elected as the new Chairperson. Commissioner Puzas seconded the nomination, and motion carried.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Bremner stated it was time to elect a new Vice Chairperson, and ask if there were any nominations for the position. Commissioner Puzas moved that Commissioner Gonzales be elected as the new Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, and motion carried.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no one present to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009

Commissioner Janice Montgomery moved to approve the minutes, and Vice Chairperson Gonzales seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW OF THE NACOG WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

Chairperson Bremner informed the Commission she had been in touch with Bob Baca, Program Manager of NACOG in Flagstaff. Bob Dickey has retired and is no longer with NACOG.

* She was informed by Mr. Baca that 5 or 6 homes are being weatherized per week.

* The program funding will end March 31, 2012.

She ask how they prioritized the elderly and disabled. Mr. Baca had no answer for her. She was informed that a lady in Clarkdale had received help through the program.

Mr. Baca also informed her there was over \$8M in the program. Council Member Kirby informed the Commission that he plans to make a call to Ken Sweet of NACOG for more information.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE EVENTS – PRIME TIME FAIR

Chairperson Bremner shared some information regarding a Prime Time Fair that she helped organize previously. She has invitations, flyers, etc. from that event which can be of use in planning another Fair. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of hosting another Prime Time Fair. Chairperson Bremner stated that music, food and door prizes are very important. There was also discussion on a location for the event. She stated the Commission would need nine or ten months to plan and organize such an event. Vice Chairperson Gonzales moved to proceed with planning a Prime Time Fair. Commissioner Dave Puzas seconded the motion, and motion carried. Chairperson Bremner will gather more information to share for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATION OF BETH CARRIGAN FOR PRIDE DAY AWARD

Chairperson Bremner shared nomination forms from the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce for the Pride Day Awards. The Commission discussed nominating Beth Carrigan for one of the categories post-humously. Commissioner Brown moved a nomination be submitted for Beth Carrigan, and Vice Chairperson Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PROVIDE INPUT ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS OF INTEREST

Commissioner O'Neill stated that during the economic downturn, the Cottonwood Library is seeing a lot of citizens at the library. The Seniors are the most frequent users.

Chairperson Bremner stated she had attended a Long Term Care meeting this morning, and Detective Monica Kuhit of the Cottonwood Police Department provided information about identity theft. Chairperson Bremner stated she would like to invite Monica to a Senior Commission meeting for more information.

Chairperson Bremner informed the Commissioners that the Senior Center will be providing help to anyone who requires assistance with their Census forms. Commissioner O'Neill stated the Library would also offer that service.

Commissioner Puzas said the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Bike Blessing on March 27-28, 2010.

The Verde Valley Senior Center is planning a Mardi Gras in the near future, a celebration of St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, and the Mayor's March a Mile for Meals is scheduled for March 20th.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Puzas, and seconded by Commissioner Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.